Subject No. 455.

System of Licenses for processional music.

Summary of discussion.—The local authorities now require licenses to be taken out for the conduct of processions even in the moffusil towns and villages. There is no real necessity for this, and the innovation tends only to unsettle peoples' minds, disturb *mamul*, and raise questions which were never raised before. The law on the subject which Courts administer is, that the public highway is free to all. The needless restriction in question should be removed.

Dewan's reply.—Even in granting licenses, it is the *mamul* that is followed.

Subject No. 456.

Maintenance of Mysore City Roads.

Summary of discussion.—The roads opened out in Mysore City, are now so wide and so many miles in length, that the Municipality finds it very difficult to maintain them with existing funds. Some relief is necessary.

Dewan's reply.—The Municipality has to blame itself for fixing its boundaries so wide. You include a great deal for Octroi purposes, and on the other hand, complain that you have too much of road maintenance. Relief has been granted by transferring some of the main trunk roads to the Provincial Budget.

Subject No. 457.

House-tax in Mysore City.

Summary of discussion.—At present, house-tax in Mysore City is levied under the Mohatarfa Rules on the value of houses. It appears that it is intended to levy the tax hereafter at five per cent on the rental. As, unlike Bangalore, few houses in Mysore are rented, this would entail loss of revenue The present practice should be continued.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 458.

Educational Grants-aid in Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Mysore City Municipal Board pays a large amount as grants-in-aid to local Schools. As it cannot afford this expenditure, it is desired that Government should relieve it and pay the grants from the Education Budget.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 459.

Cart-tax on Agricultural carts within Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—Under recent orders, carts within Municipal limits, kept chiefly for agricultural purposes, are exempted from cart-tax, though they may be occasionally let out on hire. This has entailed much loss of revenue, as it is seldom that carts are kept chiefly for hire.

Dewan's reply.—Better have a universal wheel tax in lieu.

Subject No. 460.

Octroi on Foreign Piece Goods in Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—No Octroi is now levied on Europe made cotton goods, though such is levied on Indian manufactures and even on local manufactures imported for consumption within Municipal limits. A rate was proposed at one time, but it was held in abeyance on the representation of merchants that it would press hard upon them if not levied in Bangalore and minor Municipalities in the District, particularly Seringapatam. There will be no objection to levy

the Octroi at Mysore on Europe-made-goods, if it be levied in all minor Municipalities in the District.

Dewan's reply.—This can be done. (*Vide* also Subject No. 18 *supra*).

Subject No. 461.

Enquiry into scales of pay, &c., of the different Departments.

Summary of discussion.—The appointment of a Commission to revise the scales of pay in the different Departments of the Public service, so as to Examinn the a relation between the work turned out and the remuneration received, is necessary. At present, there is considerable inequality. The Judicial Department, in which promotions are slow and work heavy and sedentary, is paid less than the general Executive, in which there is greater leisure and variety in work, and promotions are more rapid. In the Medical Department, pay is small and promotion very slow. The D. P. W. is no better and both are professional. Departments requiring considerable technical knowledge and training. In this Province, the practice exists of officers being transferred from one Department to another so that the General Department is most coveted.

Dewan's reply.—No committee or discussion is required. The pay of the different Departments is regulated according to the work, qualification and status required.

Subject No. 462.

A Committee to help the Education Secretary.

Summary of discussion.—The appointment of a Committee to aid the Education Secretary in matters of Educational interest, is required. A Committee of Revenue officers particularly, would be useful. In the Chitaldroog District, for example, the Deputy Commissioner has been taking great pains in visiting schools, &c., and has been of great service to the Educational Department.

Dewan's reply.—A Committee is inconvenient and often times, a hindrance. All officers should visit schools and record suggestions for their improvement. There is a system established of inspections and visits and visitors' books and reports, all of which are helpful to the Education Secretary.

Subject No. 463.

More Deputy Inspectors of Schools required.

Summary of discussion.—The number of Deputy Inspectors should be so increased as to give each of them not more than one hundred schools to inspect every year.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 464.

Hobli School Reform.

Summary of discussion.—Limiting the instruction imparted in Hobli Schools, to a practical training in the three Rs. and to some useful industry and making attendance compulsory, would be advantageous.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable in the present state of society.

Subject No. 465.

Educational grants to Indigenous Schools.

Summary of discussion.—Educational grants should be given to indigenous schools.

Dewan's reply.—This is being done on a very large scale.